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Scott Smedley (2018), Stuart Smedley (2018), Gordon Reeves (2019)
Paul Burke (2020), Dave Thomas (2021)

First Team Honours

Wiltshire Senior Cup Winners **1998-91, 2000-01**
Wiltshire Senior Cup Runners-up **1902-03, 1903-04, 1987-88**
Hellenic League Division 1 West Runners-up **2009-10, 2012-13**
Hellenic League Div 1 Cup Winners **1989-90, 1993-94**
Hellenic League Division 1 Cup Runners-up **1994-95**
Wiltshire County League Division 1 Champions **1987-88**
Wiltshire County League Runners-up **1905-06**
Wiltshire County League Senior Cup Winners **1983-84**
Wiltshire County League Division 2 Champions **1984-85**
Wiltshire County League Division 2 Runners-up **1978-79**
Wiltshire County League Subsidiary Cup Winners **1978-79**
Wiltshire League Division 1 Champions **1958-59**
Calne & District League Champions **1931-32, 1934-35, 1935-36**
Calne & District League Runners-up **1930-31**
Calne & District League Cup Winners **1934-35**
Calne & District League Cup Runners-up **1935-36**
Swindon & District League Advertiser Cup Runners-up **1902-03, 1904-05**
Vale of White Horse League Cup Winners **1933-34**

Reserve/Dev Team Honours

Wiltshire Senior League Premier Division Champions **2021-22**
Hellenic League Reserves Division 2 West Champions **1994-95**
Wiltshire County League Division 4 Runners-up **1982-83**
Wiltshire County League Junior Cup Runners-up **1984-85, 1988-89, 2012-13**
Vale of White Horse League Cup Winners **1953-54**
Chippenham & District League Division 2 Champions **1957-58**

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Men's First Team Bassett Bulletin

Welcome To Today's Game

GOOD AFTERNOON and welcome to the Sustain Stadium here at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground for this UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division fixture against Lydney Town. A warm welcome to all our visitors from Lydney who have made the journey across the Seven Bridge, we hope you enjoy your short stay with us this afternoon and we wish you a safe journey home.

Obviously football had to take a back seat last weekend following the sad news of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and our game against Bradford Town, like all other games across the country, was postponed. Whether the football authorities made the right call in postponing all football has been heatedly debated across social media since the decision was made but Non-League Football gets the chance to pay its respects this weekend, and there will be a minutes silence ahead of today's game.

Our last outing here at the Sustain Stadium against Wantage Town was the proverbial game of two halves. Leading 2-0 at the break and totally in control of the game it looked like we would finally end our poor record against Wantage when we were awarded our second penalty of the game. After putting the first one safely away, Alfie Presley saw his second kick saved and from there on Wantage stepped up their game and dominated the second half scoring three unanswered goals to take the points thanks to an injury time winner. Cruel on Sam and the lads but after taking Josh Elms off we seemed to invite them to attack us as we failed to hold the ball up top, something Josh and Luke Whelan had done well in doing in the opening forty-five minutes. Substitutions can often turn games, sometimes a change works for you and then other times it does not. For me the switch on Tuesday night back fired on us a bit because we were no longer keeping their back four occupied and kept conceding possession and inviting them to attack us and with the likes of Robbo up front for them that can be a dangerous strategy. As someone recently commented on a forum

I follow, you either win games these days or learn lessons, and this game fell into the latter category. I thought Wantage were a decent side and I will expect them to be there or thereabouts come the end of the season. After the defeat we still have not won at home against Wantage since the two Simon's from the Ultras were in shorts.

The Veterans' side got their season underway a week last Wednesday night with a 5-2 win over last season's champions Redhouse. The side included Nick Mason and Josh Connolly from last season's successful Development side along with the manager of that side Stephen Yeardley and coach Mark Simpkins, although Simmo did not get on. Both Nick and Stephen scored in an impressive performance but goalkeeper Nick Warren will be grateful Your Sport Swindon were not there to capture the first Redhouse goal, what were you doing sir?

They followed that win up on Tuesday just gone with a 2-0 win against Swindon Old Boys that saw Bassett move top of the table.

Nick's Under 18 side also got their season underway a couple of days after the Wantage game and started with an impressive 5-3 win against Kingsdown Lions with Jacob Rendell-Haines scoring four of the goals. They were scheduled to play their second game of the season away at Calne Town on Thursday night and hopefully by the time you read these notes they will sit top of the table.

The Women's team saw their first scheduled home game of the season against Torquay United postponed like the First Team game. They will now look to bounce back from their opening game defeat at the hands of Bristol Rovers against Sherbourne Town tomorrow afternoon. A programme will also be available for that game and all Women's matches this season.

Enjoy the game today and hopefully both a return to winning ways for Sam and the boys.

Mark

Club Noticeboard

SUSTAIN SPONSORSHIP

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Football Club are delighted to announce a new major sponsorship with local recycling business Sustain.

The initial three-year partnership will see Sustain hold naming rights for the stadium pitch at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground – which will now be known as the Sustain Stadium – while they will also become the main sponsor for the club's Men's First Team.

Based in Royal Wootton Bassett, Sustain is the new brand name for much-loved local company Crapper and Sons.

All their products are 100% recycled and made in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way. Their best known product is Mr Crapper's Potting Shed Compost, which will now be known as Sustain Compost. Their other recycled products include topsoil, turf, cardboard horse bedding, bark and railway sleepers, while Sustain also offer house and garden waste collection services.

For more information about Sustain please see here.

Commenting on the agreement, Royal Wootton Bassett Town chairman Paul Gerrish said: "We are delighted to partner with Sustain. The generous support that they have agreed to provide is massively appreciated and we're extremely grateful for this as it will go a long way towards helping the club continue to thrive in what remain challenging times."

"The aim is to build further on the partnership we have agreed – not just to help the club, but to support and promote the Sustain brand."

Sustain Managing Director Richard Crapper said: "We have supported the Royal Wootton Bassett Sports Association through grants for a number of years. But this is a real change for us to become a main sponsor of such a well-run, dynamic volunteer organisation which provides Royal Wootton Bassett with football teams for all ages and for men, women, boys and girls. We're very excited to see what we can do together."

Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC would like to thank Sustain – as well as all our other sponsors and partners – for the invaluable support that they provide. Each is a critical part of the club's continuing success and ability to provide footballing opportunities within the local community.



Our Sponsorship Prospectus outlines the various opportunities available. If you would like to see your business become a part of the Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC story, please contact our Chairman Paul Gerrish..

FREE SATURDAY SKILLS

Royal Wootton Bassett Town are pleased to announce that the club's free Saturday Skills Sessions and Wildcats Girls' Football Centre will return from this Saturday, 10 September. Sessions will take place from 9-10am on the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground AGP.

They will be open to boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 to 12 (i.e. in reception school year through to year seven).

In addition to the Saturday Skills Sessions and Wildcats Girls' Football Centre, the club will also be introducing specific training for 5 to 12 year old children with a disability. These sessions will run at the same time.

For safeguarding purposes, it will now also be necessary to register your child's attendance in advance.

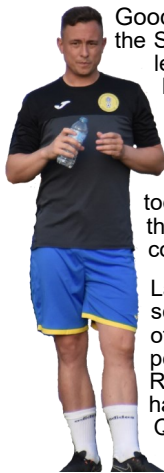
This can be done by filling in the form here.

Unfortunately it will not be possible for your child to take part unless a parent or guardian has completed the registration form.

Once a form has been submitted, all data will be stored securely in the rwbtfc.co.uk database with access to the information provided strictly limited.

The Gaffer

SAM COLLIER



Good afternoon and welcome back to the Sustain Stadium for today's Hellenic league game against long serving Hellenic side Lydney Town. Lydney are a team who's league start means very little as they are a strong outfit; it is never an easy game against them. I am sure today will prove that point. I hope they all have a safe journey home come 5pm.

Last week saw the world shocked by some very sad news in the passing of our great leader. I am not personally an avid follower of the Royal Family, but having said that, I have had great respect for our late Queen who to me demonstrated what it is to be a true leader: always having outstanding standards and leading by example. Rest in peace Queen Elizabeth.

Having been given the weekend off, it personally couldn't come at a better time for us in football terms. We have had 11 games in 35 days and having a small squad, 3/4 players out and two away, having Bradford attend wasn't something I was gutted about not happening. The break has given us a chance to regroup and give the lads a well-deserved rest.

On reflection, the start we have had is one we should be pleased with. Wins against Mangos, Windsor, Reading, Thornbury and also Bradford have given us a great start. Anyone who says

Bradford are not a strong side need reminding that they are now 3rd having just beat Corsham. Sometimes it's easy to beat sides and describe them as not the best or take away credit and simply say it's a fantastic result.

On the flip side, we have lost 3 games. One of these being Corsham which wasn't a great game however things went against us with Luke going off and then the shocking red card. The FA Cup result really hurt as I really think it was a game we should have won and the changes we had to make at half time really made us disjointed and we simply didn't defend how we have done since the start of the season. And regards to the Wantage game, we missed chances at 2-0, had very poor game management and a lack of believe which all cost us.

On player note, a huge congratulations to Chris Taylor: he and his partner Josie got engaged in Rome on Monday night. I am sure that will be the wedding of the year!

The under 18s got their campaign under way with an impressive win on Thursday. A stunning strike from Jowan was the pick of the goals - the lad had an excellent preseason with us and we are looking forward to seeing him and many others break into the first team.

Hope you all enjoy today's game. Let's hope we get back to our winning ways!

Much love, *Sam*

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County League
Winners 2005-06

Gloucestershire
Northern Senior
League Winners
1977-78, 1978-79,
1979-80, 2004-05

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CLUB

SECRETARY

Roger Sansom

MANAGER

James Morse



League Results	SEASON 2021-22		SEASON 2022-23	
	Home	Away	Home	Away
Bishops Cleeve	L 1 - 2	L 2 - 4		
Bradford Town	L 2 - 4	W 3 - 2		
Brimscombe & Thrupp	D 0 - 0	L 0 - 4		
Calne Town	D 2 - 2	L 1 - 2		
Chipping Sodbury Town	L 0 - 2	L 1 - 2		
Corsham Town	L 0 - 2	L 0 - 1		
Cribbs	W 3 - 2	L 0 - 2		
Fairford Town	L 0 - 4	D 0 - 0	L 1 - 5	
Hallen	D 1 - 1	L 2 - 3		
Hereford Lads Club	W 3 - 1	L 1 - 3	D 0 - 0	
Hereford Pegasus				W 3 - 2
Longlevens	L 2 - 4	W 2 - 1		D 0 - 0
Malvern Town	D 1 - 1	L 0 - 3		L 0 - 5
Mangotsfield United				
Roman Glass St George	L 2 - 4	W 1 - 0		
RWBTFC	L 1 - 3	D 1 - 1		
Shrivenham	D 1 - 1	L 2 - 3		
Thornbury Town	L 1 - 2	L 3 - 4		
Tuffley Rovers	W 4 - 0	W 1 - 0		L 0 - 4
Westbury United	L 1 - 5	L 1 - 4		
Westfields	W 3 - 0	L 0 - 3		L 1 - 2
Worcester Raiders				

Opponents Pen Pics

LYDNEY TOWN



Richard Thomas - Goalkeeper
 Joined the club from Bristol City. Played in the clubs Hellenic League Div1 West winning season before moving onto Forest Green Rovers & Shortwood United. Club Vice Capt.



Tom Baldwin - Defender
 Right back who came through the Youth Section at Lydney Town. An ever present so far this season.



Sam Elliott - Defender
 Dominating one-club centre half who has spurned the advances of many higher league clubs to lead the back line for over 12 years since breaking into the 1st team aged just 16. Rarely misses a header.



Tristan Murphy - Defender
 Previously with Kidderminster Town Under 23s.



Liam Sheppard - Defender
 Left back who has been an ever present this season. Over 130 appearances in past four seasons for Lydney Town in the Hellenic League Premier Division.



Mac Cheers-Berry - Defender
 Youngster previously with Slimbridge where he made 6 appearances for their Reserve side last season.



Billy Guest - Midfield
 Young, energetic midfielder who can also play at right back. Joined from neighbours Cinderford Town where he captained their youth team. Strong in the tackle with a decent shot.



Jordan Sheen - Midfield
 Attacking midfield player previously with Broadwell. Another who has made over 100 appearances for Lydney Town in the Hellenic Premier Division in the past four seasons.



Dan Morgan - Midfield
 Wide midfield player who has been an ever present so far this season.



Keelan Hamblett - Midfield
 Another wide midfield player who came through the ranks at Lydney Town.



Jayson Watkins - Midfield
 Young attacking midfielder player previously with Tuffley Rovers and Whitecroft. Joined from Tuffley at the start of the current season.



Finnan Hamblett - Midfield
 Attacking midfielder player who played over 60 games for Lydney Town in the Hellenic Premier Division in the past three seasons.



Harry Clark - Midfield
 Youngster who joined from Cinderford's Under 18 side. Made his debut in the opening game of the season away to Longlevens.



Lewis Bamford - Forward
 Striker previously with Cinderford, Bristol Manor Farm and Newent Town.



Steve Clarke - Forward
 Striker previously with Ruardean Hill. His only goal so far this season came in the 5-1 home defeat against Fairford Town.



Samuel Wines - Forward
 Youngster who has been with Lydney for a few seasons now with most of his appearances having come from the bench. A player who will be aiming to secure a starting position this coming season.



Lewis Thompson - Forward
 Powerful striker who finished top scorer last season and also in Season 2018-19. Played 20 games for Royal Wootton Bassett Town in Season 2016-17 scoring four times.



Declan Morley-Lynne - Forward
 Prolific striker who came up through the ranks at Lydney Town. Was the club's top scorer in Seasons 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2019-20.

Pen Pics based on information from Lydney Town website and FA Full-Time data

Today's Opponents

LYDNEY TOWN



LydneyTown Historical Record - Last 15 Seasons

Season	League & Division	FAC	FAV	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Position	Top Scorer
2007/08	Hellenic Premier	n/a	n/a	42	19	6	17	71	71	63	10 out of 22	M. Timmins/ P.Macklin 14
2008/09	Hellenic Div 1 West	n/a	1QR	32	14	7	11	45	45	49	8 out of 17	M. Timmins 15
2009/10	Hellenic Div 1 West	EP	1QR	30	14	4	12	55	48	46	8 out of 16	M. Timmins 15
2010/11	Hellenic Div 1 West	PR	1st	28	14	6	8	64	42	48	5 out of 15	M. Timmins 15
2011/12	Hellenic Div 1 West	EP	1st	32	10	9	13	47	52	39	13 out of 17	J. Liddington 17
2012/13	Hellenic Div 1 West	n/a	2QR	30	12	1	17	55	66	37	10 out of 16	J. Liddington 16
2013/14	Hellenic Div 1 West	n/a	2QR	28	19	4	5	78	26	61	2 out of 15	R. Kear 32
2014/15	Hellenic Div 1 West	n/a	n/a	28	19	3	6	84	32	60	3 out of 15	P. Gibbs 30
2015/16	Hellenic Premier	n/a	2QR	38	14	10	14	63	66	52	12 out of 20	D. Morley-Lyne 28
2016/17	Hellenic Premier	EP	1st	34	15	6	13	65	64	51	9 out of 18	D. Morley-Lyne 36
2017/18	Hellenic Premier	EP	2QR	38	9	6	23	45	87	33	16 out of 20	R. Gabriel 15
2018/19	Hellenic - Premier	1QR	1QR	36	14	6	16	56	69	48	11 out of 19	L. Thompson 21
2019/20	Hellenic - Premier	EP	1QR	25	9	5	11	29	35	32	12* out of 19	D. Morley-Line 6
2020/21	Hellenic - Premier	EP	2QR	7	2	2	3	9	14	8	13* out of 18	B. Kear 3
2021/22	Hellenic - Premier	EP	1QR	38	8	7	23	49	82	31	16 out of 20	L. Thompson 17

Totals

466 192 82 192 815 799

* Position at time season curtailed due to Covid-19

Won:Drew:Lost Ratio

41.2% 17.6% 41.2%

	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	49.0%	16.3%	34.6%
Hellenic League Division One West	208	102	34	72	428	311	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	49.0%	16.3%	34.6%
Hellenic League Prem Div	258	90	48	120	387	488	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	34.9%	18.6%	46.5%

Previous Encounters

RWBTFC v LYDNEY TOWN

8

RWBTFC Wins



13

Lydney Town Wins

There have been 26 previous meetings between Royal Wootton Bassett Town and Lydney Town and it is tonight's visitors who have had the better of things with 13 wins to our eight, with five games resulting in draws.

Whilst Lydney Town overall have the better record in recent times it is ourselves who have had the better of things. The last nine meetings between the two sides have seen just two wins for Lydney Town whilst Bassett have come out on top on four occasions with three drawn games including the last meeting between the two sides in October 2021.

Of those present tonight the person who has scored the most goals for Bassett against Lydney Town is manager Sam Collier with three goals, including one in our best ever result against Lydney Town, a 5-0 win back in September 2009.

Just behind Sam are Gio Wrona and Adam Corcoran. Gio scored the only goal of the game in a 1-0 win September 2017 and also scored one of the goals in a 5-3 defeat twelve months later. Adam Corcoran (pictured below) got both his goals against Lydney last season in a 3-1 away win at Lydney.



Previous Encounters

RWBTFC v LYDNEY TOWN

Season	Date	Comp	Match Details		
2006-07	16-Dec-06	League	Wootton Bassett Town	1 Lydney Town	2
Bassett scorer: Hall Bassett Team: Domm, Gee, Crabtree, Beavis, Yeardeley, Neale, Mills, Bennett, Hall, White, Davis. Subs: Hallett, King, Shaw					
2006-07	21-Apr-07	League	Lydney Town	2 Wootton Bassett Town	1
Bassett scorer: Mills Bassett Team: Domm, Gee, Crabtree, Magani, Greenway, Mills, Hemsley, Bennett, Large, White, P.Davis. Subs: Dodd, King					
2008-09	24-Feb-09	League	Wootton Bassett Town	1 Lydney Town	1
Bassett Scorer: Ward Bassett Team: Thompson, R.Carter, Sharps, S.Carter, Oram, Yeardeley, Richie, Ward, Terry, Moulton, Banks. Subs: Hunt, Teale					
2008-09	25-Apr-09	League	Lydney Town	1 Wootton Bassett Town	0
Bassett scorer: None Bassett Team: Thompson, R.Carter, Edmondson, Sharps, Fisher, Yeardeley, Blake, Guthrie, Richie, Turner, Banks. Sub: Wall					
2009-10	19-Sep-09	League	Wootton Bassett Town	5 Lydney Town	0
Bassett scorers: Green 2, Collier, Field, R.Thomas Bassett Team: Scott, Bowden,Sharps, Adams, Oram, Collier, Turner, Edmondson, Green, Thomas, Banks. Subs: Groom, Field, Mephham					
2009-10	5-Dec-09	League	Lydney Town	2 Wootton Bassett Town	2
Bassett scorers: Brien, Collier Bassett Team: Thompson, Bowden, Edmondson, Adams, Oram, Collier, Turner, Brien, Mephham, Shand, Banks. Sub: Thomas					
2011-12	3-Sep-11	League	Lydney Town	0 Wootton Bassett Town	2
Bassett scorers: Collier, Delaney Bassett Team: Thompson, Bowden, S.Carter, Edmondson, Corcoran, Bown, Turner, Harper, Collier, Delaney, R.Carter. Subs: Large, Wernham					
2011-12	3-Apr-12	League	Wootton Bassett Town	0 Lydney Town	3
Bassett Team: Doolan, Sharps, S.Carter, Ellis, Pitts, Bown, Bowen, Green, Turner, Harper, R.Carter. Subs: Driver, Windell					
2012-13	16-Feb-13	League	Lydney Town	0 Wootton Bassett Town	3
Bassett scorers: Barnes, Gill, Edmondson Bassett Team: Thompson, Blake, Edmondson, Corcoran, S.Carter, Dingle, Yeardeley, Bown, Barnes, Gill, Turner. Subs: Carson, Pleass					
2012-13	13-Apr-13	League	Wootton Bassett Town	0 Lydney Town	3
Bassett scorer: None Bassett Team: Thompson, Dingle, Edmondson, Sharps, S.Carter, Bowden, Yeardeley, Robertson, Barnes, Terry, Turner. Subs: Brien, Walduck, Yates					
2013-14	28-Sep-13	KO Cup	Lydney Town	5 Wootton Bassett Town	2
Bassett scorers: Roberts 2 Bassett Team: Allison, Bowden, Yeardeley, Wright, Carter, Cox, Chatwin, Ockwell, Roberts, Stevens, A.Rigley. Subs: Baffe, K.Rigley					
2015-16	26-Aug-15	League	Lydney Town	3 Royal Wootton Bassett Town	2
Bassett scorers: Robertson, Yeardeley Bassett Team: Meare, Comer, D.Richards, Hawkins, Corcoran, Packer, Scholes, Bailey, Robertson, Yeardeley, Carter. Subs: Youngsam, Gambling, Ophert					
2015-16	2-Dec-15	Floodlit Cup	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	1 Lydney Town	2
Bassett scorer: Robertson Bassett Team: Meare, Comer, D.Richards, Hawkins, Drewitt, Packer, Scholes, Bailey, Robertson, Thomas, Ophert. Subs: Vivash, Sinclair, Collins					
2015-16	27-Feb-16	League	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	1 Lydney Town	2
Bassett scorer: Robertson Bassett Team: Meare, Comer, Corcoran, Walduck, Hawkins, J.Richards, Bailey, Ockwell, Robertson, Scholes, Ophert. Subs: Hiscock, Smith					
2016-17	27-Sep-16	League	Lydney Town	4 Royal Wootton Bassett Town	3
Bassett scorers: Richards, Thompson, Bailey Bassett Team: Meare, J.Richards, D.Richards, Hawkins, Cheetham, Comer, Thompson, Spalding, Yeardeley, Bailey, Drewitt. Subs: Diouf, Corcoran					
2016-17	14-Dec-16	Floodlit Cup	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	2 Lydney Town	0
Bassett scorers: Robertson 2 Bassett Team: Meare, Hawkins, D.Richards, Yeardeley, Cheetham, Comer, Thompson, J.Richards, Robertson, Ophert, Packer. Subs: Bailey, Edmondson, Hamilton					
2016-17	31-Dec-16	League	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	1 Lydney Town	3
Bassett scorer: Hawkins Bassett Team: Meare, Edmondson, D.Richards, Yeardeley, Cheetham, Comer, Thompson, Bonner-Shea, Robertson, Ophert, Glead. Subs: Hawkins, J.Richards					
2017-18	15-Aug-17	League	Lydney Town	1 Royal Wootton Bassett Town	1
Bassett scorer: Gambling Bassett Team: Bulman, Stevens, D.Richards, Jones, Yeardeley, Cheetham, Wright, Wrona, Coleman, Packer, Lodge. Subs: Gambling, Bailey					
2017-18	13-Sep-17	League	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	1 Lydney Town	0
Bassett scorer: Wrona Bassett Team: Lawrence, Corcoran, Collier, Jackson, Diaz-Benitez, Robinson, Wright, Wrona, Cox, Packer, Scholes. Subs: Yeardeley, Maximen					
2018-19	25-Aug-18	FA Cup	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	0 Lydney Town	0
Bassett scorer: N/A Bassett Team: Sharkey, Ilott, Richards, Gough, Yeardeley, Robinson, Wrona, D.Cole, Pagliaroli, Bohane, Shama. Subs: Lance, Joyce					
2018-19	4-Sep-18	FA Cup	Lydney Town	5 Royal Wootton Bassett Town	3
Bassett scorers: Wrona, Shama, Bohane Bassett Team: Bowers, Ilott, Richards, Evans, Yeardeley, Lincoln, Wrona, Joyce, Pagliaroli, Bohane, Shama. Subs: Corcoran, Stanley, Sheppard					
2018-19	18-Sep-18	League	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	3 Lydney Town	2
Bassett scorers: Pagliaroli 2, Richards Bassett Team: McCready, Joyce, Richards, Corcoran, James, Ilott, Lincoln, Wrona, Pagliaroli, Bohane, Wrona. Subs: Collier, Yeardeley					
2018-19	13-Nov-18	League	Lydney Town	0 Royal Wootton Bassett Town	2
Bassett scorers: Pagliaroli, Bennett Bassett Team: Sawyer, Langford, Evans, Stanley, Collier, Lachacz, Bennett, Wrona, Pagliaroli, Bohane, Roper. Subs: Silva, Brown					
2019-20	1-Feb-20	League	Lydney Town	2 Royal Wootton Bassett Town	1
Bassett scorers: Youssef Bassett Team: Parker, Bradbury, Beeden, Wrona, Miller, Robinson, Presley, Youssef, Francis, Warre, Ford. Subs: Gallagher, Golding, Joyce					
2021-22	17-Aug-21	League	Lydney Town	1 Royal Wootton Bassett Town	3
Bassett scorers: Corcoran 2, Moore Bassett Team: Cavanagh, Corcoran, Chilcott, Dodson, Ockwell, Gallagher, Bampton, Griffin, Oldridge, Moore, Taylor. Subs: Wrona, Cordery, McIntosh					
2021-22	5-Oct-21	League	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	1 Lydney Town	1
Bassett scorer: Griffin Bassett Team: Cavanagh, Corcoran, Chilcott, Dodson, Robinson, Gallagher, Bampton, Griffin, Beeden, Wrona, Mills. Subs: Skinner.					

Opponents History

LYDNEY TOWN

Lydney Town FC • Club History

Although Lydney is one of the main towns of the Forest area the Severniders have always led a very nomadic existence. With the town very much a Rugby stronghold the football club has always found it difficult to exist and although the club can trace its roots back to 1911 it never has had a sound base. The club competed in the local leagues until 1952 when they were elected to the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League. In 1969 the club folded due to lack of committee. In 1971 the soccer lovers of the town pulled together and the club re-formed and in 1974 the appointment of Harold Elliott as player/coach saw many players from Lydney Juniors introduced with the resulting effect of promotion to Senior League Division One in 1976. During this period the club switched from Bathurst Park onto the Recreation Ground using the changing facilities at the neighbouring Cricket Club.



In 1979-80 after twice finishing Runners-Up they finally lifted the Senior League Division One Championship. Applications to the County League were unfruitful so the club turned to the Hellenic League, where the club held its own, but after 4 seasons the huge financial burden of the League forced the club to return to the Senior League. A dispute with the Cricket Club saw the club move back onto Bathurst Park and following this Secretary Roger Sansom, who had been elected in 1975 and who is still secretary to this day, investigated the possibility of building a clubhouse on the Recreation Ground. Unfortunately on the pitch the downward spiral continued and the club found itself back in the NGL. The players thankfully stayed together and they bounced back into the Senior League the following season. Ambitious plans to have our own clubhouse were still in the pipeline and a clubhouse was opened on Lydney Recreation Trust in 1990. In 1995 the club did the double by winning Division Two and the Forest Green Supporters Trophy, a feat they repeated in 1996-97.

In 2003-04 Manager Peter Elliott, who along with Roger Sansom are the longest serving members of the club with 40 plus years service, guided the club to the Final of the League Cup and the Senior Amateur Cup but in 2004 due to work commitments Peter decided to step down. The club turned to Stuart Liddington to take the helm and with Peter being persuaded to assist him they forged a very successful partnership. The addition of Pete Macklin from Cinderford Town, Danny Clarke ex-Oxford United, Matthew Timmins from Whitecroft and the return of Mark Saunders from Australia gave the club a real boost. Pete, Danny and 'Matty' provided the missing link in the goalscoring department scoring over 70 goals between them, Danny leading the way with 32 goals. The Senior League title was secured with 4 games to go and they did the double by lifting the Senior Amateur Cup. The season was complete with the news of acceptance into the County League a prize denied to them some 25 years ago. The clubs County League campaign started in unconvincing fashion with only 4 points from 3 home games but a 20 game unbeaten run saw the club take over as league leaders at the start of 2006, a position they held for the remainder of the season. Scoring goals was very much the key to winning as 87 goals proved, 'Matty' Timmins finishing the leagues leading goal scorer with 28 goals. This success was beyond the clubs wildest dreams and gave the club the opportunity of a return to the Hellenic League after 22 years. A steady start saw the club 12 points behind the leaders in October but a 6 game winning streak at the end of the year saw the club take over as leaders at the start of January. The critical game came in mid-April with fellow title contenders Trowbridge Town visiting 'The Rec'. In front of a crowd of 305 goals from Danny Clarke and Mark Crabbe secured victory and a 5 point cushion. With 3 games to go the Title was won at Malmesbury when Danny Bishop came off the subs bench to score 2 late goals and give the club an unprecedented 3rd title in as many seasons. The squad had certainly exceeded all expectations and can quite easily be classed as the best in the clubs history. Ambitious plans for the required improvements to gain promotion were put forward and accepted by the League allowing the club to play at the highest level in its history.

A steady start was overshadowed by events off the pitch when despite gaining planning permission for erection of floodlights the club became embroiled in a sea of red tape with their landlords. To continue playing in the Premier Division an agreement was reached to use Cinderford Town and Harrow Hill for home games. Despite these off the pitch issues an unbeaten league run of 11 games placed them in the top half of the table. Despite finishing in 10th position the club were unable to satisfy the April deadline imposed by the league and were forced to be relegated back into Division One (West).

With relegation came the inevitable loss of players who wished to play at a higher level of football and the club decided to pin its future hopes on the youth of the town. Mark Lee, who had joined the club from County League side Ellwood, took on the role of Player/Manager. In 2014-15 they finished runners up to Tytherington Rocks but despite finishing in a promotion position ground development had not been completed by the March 31st deadline and a further season in Division One followed. Determined that such a situation would not happen again further development work followed to ensure the necessary G grading but disappointingly after all the clubs efforts the club finished in third spot which would not necessarily ensure promotion. As luck would have it circumstances led to the club being offered a place in the Premier Division which they readily accepted but this again meant further development was needed to obtain an F Grading and this was attained in 2016 with the installation of a 2nd stand. In 2016-17 silverware came the clubs way via the Floodlit Trophy beating Flackwell Heath on penalties after the game finished 3-3. Last season the club finished in 11th position but Manager Mark Lee decided to step down after 8 years in charge and the clubs search for a new manager started. The club turned to ex-Town forward Richard Kear. Lydney born Richard joined Cheltenham Town as a youth player but on his release he played on the Non League circuit. In 2013-14 he rejoined the club from Westfields. Unfortunately family commitments saw Richard step down at the end of season 2020-21. To replace Richard the club regained the services of previous manager Stuart Liddington but a set of indifferent results saw the club turn to Reserve Team Manager James Morse who instilled a new found confidence in the players and staved off any relegation fears.



Action from last season's two games with Lydney Town (pictures Steve Green)



Men's First Team Squad 2022-23



Matthew Crowther - Goalkeeper

Youngster who joins on loan from Hungerford Town. Last season also spent time on loan this time at fellow Hellenic League side Shrivvenham gaining a number of rave reviews. Has also played for both Aylesbury FC and Didcot Town.

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Macauley Dodson- Defender

Classy defender who was a regular last season making over 40 appearances in what was his second spell with the club. Previously played for Swindon Supermarine, Chippenham Town, Forest Green Rovers, Highworth Town and Shrivvenham.

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Jon Beeden - Defender

Solid defender who re-joined the club last season having spent recent seasons with Chippenham Town in the National League South and Thatcham Town in the Southern League. Part of last season's title winning Development Team squad.

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Louis Spalding – Defender

Talented full back who joins us this season. Skilful, energetic and a player who always looks to get forward, he was with Swindon Town as a youth. Joined Cirencester Town initially on loan in 2017-18 before signing permanently after his release from Swindon. Plenty of Southern League experience at Cirencester & Supermarine.

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Scott Chilcott – Defender

A versatile, tough-tackling defender who is entering his second season with Bassetts after joining from Shrivvenham. A hard working, dependable player, he is capable of performing effectively at either centre half or full back. Was part of Fairford Town's Division One West title winning side of 2016-17.

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Adam Corcoran – Defender

Imposing defender who starts the season having made over 250 appearances for the club. The 2021-22 campaign was without doubt his best in Bassetts colours, winning both Manager's and Players' Player of the Year awards. A quality striker of the ball and danger at set pieces, he has also contributed 15 goals for Bassetts.

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Jowan Partridge - Defender

Product of the club's Youth Section, Jowan was part of last season's Under 18 Floodlit side that finished second in the Wiltshire Senior League Floodlit division. Has impressed in pre-season and is in contention for a first team starting position in Season 2022-23.

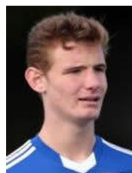
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David Bampton – Defender

Experienced former Swindon Town player who also played for Tamworth and Worcester in the Conference and with Swindon Supermarine in the Southern League and was part of the Supermarine squad that reached the FA Cup Second Round.

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Luke Matthews - Defender

Joined recently on loan from Swindon Supermarine. With Swindon Town in his youth and went to the US on a scholarship after being released by Swindon. Has also played for Bath City.

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Jack Hobson-McVeigh - Midfield

Defensive midfielder player who joins from Malmesbury Victoria having also previously been with Cirencester Town. Former New Zealand U17 international player who made 2 appearances at the U17 World Cup for his country.

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Chris Taylor – Midfield

Classy midfielder who spent the majority of his career with Swindon Supermarine but has also featured for Cirencester Town, Highworth Town and made 4 substitute appearances for Swindon Town as well as being an England Under 15 international in his youth,

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Gio Wrona - Midfield

Experienced midfield player who is always wanting the ball and starts the season with 181 appearances for the club and will be looking to join a very select few who have played more than 200. Previously with Swindon Supermarine, North Leigh, Larkhall and Thatcham and scored for Swindon Town in a friendly in the summer.

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Kai Robinson - Midfield

An energetic, tough-tackling box-to-box midfielder now entering his sixth season with Bassett, having initially joined at the start of the 2017-18 season making 36 times & scoring once. His appearances have been more limited over the past 4 seasons but is looking to again make a case for a regular first team place.

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Lewis Waldon - Forward

Extremely lively centre forward, who is entering his second spell with Bassett. Two-footed, possessing lightning pace and an assured finisher, he has spent most of his career playing Swindon and District League football, but is more than capable of playing at Hellenic League level.

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Baldwin Osayi Igbino - Forward

Recent signing who joins us from Corsham Town where he was dual signed from Chippenham Town last season. Striker who has been at Chippenham Town Academy.

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Tommy Ouldrige - Forward

Hard working player who started with Swindon Town and had loan spells with Chippenham Town and Cirencester Town. Has also played for Hungerford Town and Swindon Supermarine. Played six times for Bassett in 2020-21, scoring three goals before featuring 41 times and scoring seven goals last season.

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Bailey Gallagher - Forward

Skilful winger who on his day is virtually unplayable. Product of the club's Youth Section who progressed to the Dev Team and then into the First Team. Was Bassett's leading outfield appearance maker last season in the Hellenic Premier where he featured 44 times, scoring nine goals.

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Matt Bennett - Forward

Fast and possessing an eye for goal, an experienced forward who scored 42 goals for Bassett's Development team as they won the Wiltshire Senior League Premier Division title last season. Bennett started his senior career with the club over a decade and a half ago & starts the season just 5 short of 200 1st team appearances.

SPONSOR: Mark Smedley



Josh Elms – Forward

Highly regarded young striker Josh Elms previously with National League side Eastleigh and Wantage Town. Once in and around the box there is only one thing on this player's mind! With further development, along with his physicality and presence.

SPONSOR: Mike Price



Alfie Presley - Forward

Talented winger who returned to the club from Malmesbury Vics part way through last season having scored 5 goals in 14 games, before adding 4 goals in 11 appearances for Bassett. His performances for Bassett in the 2019-20 season saw him crowned both Manager's Player and Players' Player of the Year.

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Sam Collier – Manager

Manager since taking the role, initially on an interim basis, while still also a player, in early 2018. In 2018-19, his first full season in charge, Collier guided the team to 10th in the Hellenic League Premier - the club's highest ever finish. Bassett have also set records in both national cup competitions under his stewardship.

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Alan Griffin – Assistant Manager

Joins Bassett's management team after scoring 16 times in 32 appearances last season. High-quality target man with a distinguished playing career in non-league. Started with Corsham in the Western League & soon moved onto the Southern League, playing his trade with Cirencester T, Chippenham T, Gloucester City, Mangotsfield United, Swindon Supermarine & Bristol Manor Farm.

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Half Time Challenges

NAMES THE SAME

Something different this season that is RWBTFC related, testing your knowledge of who has played for or managed the First Team in the last 20 years. Below are 10 general knowledge questions or clues of varying degrees of difficulty. In every instance the answer is the **SURNAME** of either a former or current player who has played or managed at least one game for the First Team in the last 20 years. Some questions/clues relate to those sharing the same surname, whilst others are a description of the surname etc. All I need is the full name of a player or manager who has played for the club or managed the club with the surname indicated by the clue. For some of the questions there will be more than one answer as we have had a few brothers over the years, some names are quite common and we have even had the odd father and son.

- 1 Inventor & entrepreneur who produced the first pocket calculator and the C5.
- 2 Elderly female character, one of the six original suspects in the board game Cluedo.
- 3 The Home Secretary who resigned this week.
- 4 Where patients will stay in a hospital.
- 5 Where Policeman Dixon had his Dock?
- 6 British journalist and author whose affair with Boris Johnson made the headlines in 2004.
- 7 Big WBA fan Frank.
- 8 Tom who sang It's not Unusual
- 9 Ronnie, Irish international who used to play for Liverpool.
- 10 Lost in France singer.

NAME 10

Name 10 of the 11 Premier League clubs to start the 2021-22 Season who were not sponsored on their shirts by a betting company?

NAME THE TUNE FROM THE LYRICS

Name the song from the lyrics below:

In the deserts of Sudan
And the gardens of Japan
From Milan to Yucatan
Every woman, every man



RWBTFC Hellenic League Stats

LEAGUE RECORD, MANAGERS, TOP SCORERS

ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. 34 YEARS + IN THE HELLENIC LEAGUE											
Season	Div	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Position	Manager	Top Scorer
1988/89	1	28	11	7	10	50	41	40	5 out of 15	Mick Woolford	Damon York
1989/90	1	30	13	8	9	52	35	47	7 out of 16	Mick Woolford	Damon York 25
1990/91	1	30	11	8	11	32	36	41	8 out of 16	Mick Woolford	Damon York
1991/92	1	32	10	8	14	45	59	38	12 out of 17	Mick Woolford	Scott Vincent
1992/93	1	30	8	6	16	40	53	30	12 out of 16	Mick Woolford	Scott Vincent
1993/94	1	34	15	8	11	65	57	53	9 out of 18	Mick Woolford	Scott Vincent
1994/95	1	38	18	5	15	67	68	59	9 out of 20	Mick Woolford	Scott Vincent/Darren Jell
1995/96	1	34	12	9	13	50	64	45	10 out of 18	Kevin Maloney	Scott Vincent
1996/97	1	32	9	8	15	37	50	35	11 out of 17	Kevin Maloney	Ian Curtis/Gary Ashford 8
1997/98	1	32	12	6	14	67	58	42	10 out of 17	Dave Warren	Lee Stoddart/Peter Dearlove 10
1998/99	1	32	17	7	8	64	43	58	5 out of 17	Dave Warren	Lee Stoddart 17
1999/00	1	28	15	7	6	54	32	52	3 out of 15	Barry Giles	Lee Stoddart
2000/01	Prem	38	14	10	14	54	60	52	13 out of 20	Barry Giles	Lee Stoddart 25
2001/02	Prem	42	11	9	22	39	75	42	19 out of 22	Pete Yeardeley	Mark Vaughan 14
2002/03	Prem	40	10	10	20	36	70	40	15 out of 21	Pete Yeardeley	Geoff Swatton 9
2003/04	Prem	42	11	5	26	38	73	38	16 out of 22	Pete Yeardeley	Geoff Swatton 16
2004/05	Prem	42	6	9	27	30	85	27	21 out of 22	Pete Yeardeley/Chris Jones	Matty Bennett 10
2005/06	1W	34	17	10	7	58	30	61	5 out of 18	Paul Burke	Matty Bennett 12
2006/07	1W	34	14	5	15	64	62	47	11 out of 18	Paul Burke	Matty Bennett/Steve Yeardeley 11
2007/08	1W	34	11	3	20	43	66	36	15 out of 18	Paul Burke	Richie Saunders 12
2008/09	1W	32	17	9	6	61	31	60	4 out of 17	Dave Turner	Shaun Terry 26
2009/10	1W	30	20	7	3	74	34	67	2 out of 16	Dave Turner	Sam Collier 22
2010/11	Prem	42	13	7	22	55	87	46	15 out of 22	Dave Turner	Sam Collier 26
2011/12	1W	32	15	7	10	69	47	52	5 out of 17	Dave Turner	Matt Bown 18
2012/13	1W	30	22	3	5	75	40	69	2 out of 16	Dave Turner	Mark Barnes 32
2013/14	Prem	38	11	12	15	60	60	45	14 out of 20	Jeff Roberts	Levi Cox 14
2014/15	Prem	38	14	9	15	66	80	51	11 out of 20	Paul Braithwaite	Dan Bailey 18
2015/16	Prem	38	12	5	21	50	86	41	15 out of 20	Paul Braithwaite	Steve Robertson 30
2016/17	Prem	34	15	3	16	61	64	45	11 out of 19	P.Braithwaite/R.Hunter	Steve Robertson 27
2017/18	Prem	38	11	6	21	44	85	39	15 out of 20	Richard Hunter/Sam Collier	Sam Collier 11
2018/19	Prem	36	14	7	15	66	71	49	10 out of 19	Sam Collier	TJ Bohane 20
2019/20	Prem	27	8	4	15	50	65	28	16* out of 19	Sam Collier	Callum Parsons 11
2020/21	Prem	8	1	4	3	8	12	7	15* out of 18	Sam Collier	TJ Bohane 11
2021/22	Prem	38	16	6	16	58	66	54	12 out of 20	Sam Collier	Alan Griffin & John Mills 16
2022/23	Prem	6	3	1	2	13	6	10	6 out of 20	Sam Collier	Alfie Presley 7

Total	1,153	437	238	478	1,795	1,951	1,546
Won:Draw:Lost Ratio	37.9%	20.6%	41.5%				

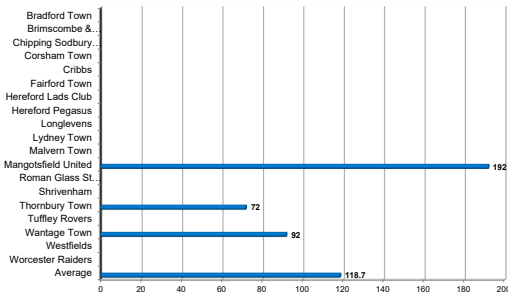
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	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Won:Draw:Lost Ratio
Premier Division	547	170	107	270	728	1,045	614	31.1% 19.6% 49.4%
Division 1 West	226	116	44	66	444	310	392	51.3% 19.5% 29.2%
Division 1	380	151	87	142	623	596	540	39.7% 22.9% 37.4%

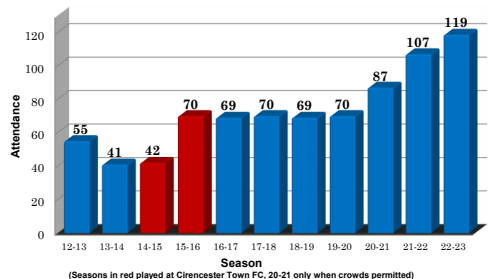
Nickname	Bassett
Record Gate	2,103 v Swindon Town (1991)
Best Gate - 2021/22	341 v Corsham Town
Average Hellenic Attendance 2021/22	107 (up from 87 in 20/21)
Record Known Win	16 - 0 v Clyffe Pypard (1933/34)
Record Known Defeat	1 - 16 v Warminster T (3/11/1945)

CROWDS

RWBTFC League Attendances - Season 2022-23



RWBTFC Average Home League Attendances - Last 10 Years plus current season



Match Report 22-23

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

Throwaway Bassett suffer more Wantage woe

Royal Wootton Bassett Town 2 Wantage Town 3

Royal Wootton Bassett Town's wretched record against Wantage Town continued as the Alfredians came from 2-0 down to triumph 3-2 in a game in which they seemingly had no right to claim a point, let alone all three.

Bassett were fully in charge after Alfie Presley's early penalty - scored after he had been felled in the box - and Bailey Gallagher's headed goal from a Gio Wrona corner.

Yet, somehow Bassett contrived to come away empty-handed.

Sam Collier's side had more than enough chances to have the game sewn up well before its conclusion. But wasteful finishing and an inspired display from visiting 'keeper James Foster ensured the lead Bassett held was ultimately not enough.

Between the two goals they scored, Presley forced a great save from Foster who then denied Josh Elms. The resulting corner I fell to Presley on the edge of the box, but his effort was kept out by another spectacular Foster save.

Then on the stroke of half time Elms could

only find the bar when presented with the goal at his mercy.

Those near misses were almost forgiven when Gallagher was brought down in the box ten minutes into the second half. Presley again stepped up to take the spot kick but Foster, salvaging another lifeline for his side, managed to save.

That proved to be the turning point.

Within two minutes Wantage pulled a goal back as Kyle Chester swept home a rebound effort after Matt Crowther could only parry a powerful low drive.

Wantage then pulled level just after the hour as Ben Holder shot from the edge of the area, with Steve Robertson getting the final touch on its way into the bottom corner.

The visitors were now in the driving seat, although it appeared as if Bassett would do enough to hold on for a share of the spoils.

That was until two minutes into injury time when Chester rose at the far post to meet a cross from the left and headed into the corner.

Bassett's league record against Wantage now stands at four wins and 19 defeats in 23 meetings.

While the outcome of their latest encounter was all too familiar, few of those losses will have been suffered in a manner as painful as this one.



The Non-League Paper

HAVES AND HAVE NOTS



SOME of us are old enough to remember when some Premier League clubs were panicking about their finances when Covid hit and the season was brought to a halt.

When the transfer window slammed shut - it never gently closes, it slams - last week, the total spend clicked in around £1.9billion. Talk about bouncing back.

It was a record window and more than the fees spent in La Liga, Bundesliga and Serie A combined.

Nine clubs spent more than £100m, including Nottingham Forest who were promoted through the Championship play-offs.

Eye-watering doesn't quite do it justice. Of course, it's something we've come to expect and, these days, will barely raise a flicker among many football fans.

Lucrative TV deals here and abroad makes the Premier League the richest in the world. Nice work if you can get it.

When covid broke out there was lots of soundbites that included the 'football family'.

And a significant amount of money came into National League System in various forms, thanks largely to the Premier League, the FA and the government.

The Premier League will argue they do and have done a lot for the wider game through the years - and they have.

Yet the top of the game in this country has never felt further away.

Of course some will argue the money spent is floating around the system. Manchester City, Leicester City and Brighton & Hove Albion all recouped more than their forked

out, and Leeds United's net spend was less than £2m.

Now, this will never happen - it just won't - but imagine a time where a mandatory 'football tax' was put on transfers in this country. One per cent of £1.9bn would have put £19m in a pot. Even 0.5 per cent would be a tidy amount.

How far that additional money could go! Not on a new striker but invested into clubs, to help their infrastructure, launch bigger and bolder community projects and many other fantastic initiatives that would help the health of the game in this country.

The cost of living crisis is top of the news agenda almost every day. We can't pretend it's not going to hit Non-League clubs hard.

Many will have to examine how they manage any dent in the pocket.

Northern Premier League chairman Mark Harris recently penned a column for The NLP that focused on the big squeeze, pointing out clubs will be thinking about how to keep fans engaged and ensure they keep the turnstiles ticking when we will all be weighing up where to spend our precious leisure pounds.

Again, there are pots for clubs to access to improve different aspects of a Non-League football club.

Yet, just imagine how strong the game could be if the extreme football wealth in this country came right the way down. Imagine what good could be done.

Sam Emery



ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FC

Date	Opponents	H/A	Result	Crowd	1	2	3	4	5	6
Tue 02-Aug	Mangotsfield Town	H	W 1 - 0	192	Crowther	Chilcott	Spalding	Corcoran	Bampton	Presl
Sat 06-Aug	Windsor (FAC Ex. Prelim)	H	D 1 - 1	119	Crowther	Chilcott	Spalding	Corcoran	Bampton	Presl
Tue 09-Aug	Windsor (FAC Ex. Prelim Replay)	A	W 2 - 0	192	Crowther	Chilcott	Spalding	Corcoran	Bampton	Presl
Sat 13-Aug	Chipping Sodbury Town	A	D 1 - 1	53	Crowther	Dodson	Spalding	Lea	Bampton	Presl
Tue 16-Aug	Thornbury Town	H	W 4 - 1	72	Crowther	Chilcott	Spalding (1)	Matthews	Bampton	Presl
Sat 20-Aug	Reading City (FAC Prelim)	H	W 3 - 1	128	Crowther	Chilcott	Spalding (1)	Matthews	Bampton	Presl
Wed 24-Aug	Bradford Town	A	W 5 - 0	94	Crowther	Chilcott	Spalding	Matthews	Bampton	Presl
Mon 29-Aug	Corsham Town	A	L 0 - 1	118	Crowther	Chilcott	Spalding	Matthews	Bampton	Presl
Sat 03-Sep	Paulton Rovers (FAC 1QR)	H	L 2 - 4	195	Crowther	Chilcott	Spalding	Corcoran	Bampton	Presl
Tue 06-Sep	Wantage Town	H	L 2 - 3	92	Crowther	Chilcott	Spalding	Corcoran	Bampton	Presl
Sat 10-Sep	Bradford Town	H								
Sat 17-Sep	Lydney Town	H								
Tue 20-Sep	Mangotsfield Town	A								
Tue 27-Sep	Thornbury Town	A								
Sat 01-Oct	Cribbs	H								
Tue 04-Oct	Roman Glass St George	A								
Sat 08-Oct	Brimscombe & Thrupp	A								
Sat 15-Oct	Malvern Town	A								
Sat 22-Oct	FA Vase 1st Round									
Sat 29-Oct	Westfields	H								
Sat 05-Nov	Worcester Raiders	H								
Sat 19-Nov	Fairford Town	H								
Sat 26-Nov	Hereford Lads Club	A								
Sat 03-Dec	Hereford Pegasus	A								
Sat 10-Dec	Longlevens	A								
Tue 27-Dec	Corsham Town	H								
Sat 02-Jan	Malvern Town	H								
Sat 07-Jan	Tuffley Rovers	A								
Sat 14-Jan	Westfields	A								
Sat 21-Jan	Worcester Raiders	A								
Sat 28-Jan	Brimscombe & Thrupp	H								
Sat 04-Feb	Fairford Town	A								
Sat 11-Feb	Hereford Lads Club	H								
Sat 18-Feb	Hereford Pegasus	H								
Sat 25-Feb	Longlevens	H								
Sat 04-Mar	Lydney Town	A								
Sat 11-Mar	Shrivenham	A								
Sat 18-Mar	Chipping Sodbury Town	H								
Sat 25-Mar	Cribbs	A								
Sat 01-Apr	Roman Glass St George	H								
Fri 07-Apr	Shrivenham	H								
Mon 10-Apr	Wantage Town	A								
TBA	Tuffley Rovers	H								
TBA	BICC									
TBA	WPS1									
TBA	Floodlit Cup 1st Round									



FAC - FA Cup, FLC - Floodlight Cup, FAV - FA Vase, WPS - Wiltshire Premier S

MEN'S FIRST TEAM SEASON 2022-23



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Statistics

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

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Career

	Appearances	Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals	Apps	Goals
1	David Bampton	10		10		63	3
2	Matthew Crowther	10		10		10	
3	Louis Spalding	10		10	2	10	2
4	Alfie Presley	9	1	10	7	50	16
5	Chris Taylor	9		9		57	2
6	Thomas Ouldridge	9		9	3	54	13
7	Scott Chilcott	9		9		35	
8	Bailey Gallagher	8	1	9	2	55	11
9	Jack Hobson-McVeigh	8	1	9	2	9	2
10	Matt Bennett	5	3	8	2	203	60
11	Kai Robinson	5	3	8		97	1
12	Josh Elms	3	5	8	2	8	2
13	Giorgio Wrona	1	7	8		188	23
14	Adam Corcoran	5	1	6		270	15
15	Luke Matthews	4		4		4	
16	Alan Griffin		4	4		36	16
17	Luke Whelan	2	1	3	1	3	1
18	Harrison Lea	1	1	2		15	1
19	Baldwin Osayi Igbinobaro		2	2		2	
20	Jon Beeden	1		1		60	5
21	Macauley Dodson	1		1		44	2
22	Jowan Partridge		1	1		4	



Matt Bennett who has now made over 200 First Team Appearances

Season 2022-23

HELLENIC LEAGUE TABLES

2022-2023 Season

UHLSPORT Hellenic League Premier Division

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Cribbs	6	5	1	0	10	3	16
2 Westfields	6	5	1	0	9	3	16
3 Bradford Town	7	4	0	3	14	12	12
4 Malvern Town	6	3	2	1	14	6	11
5 Worcester Raiders	5	3	2	0	13	5	11
6 Royal W. Bassett Town	6	3	1	2	13	6	10
7 Wantage Town	6	3	1	2	11	8	10
8 Longlevens AFC	7	2	3	2	9	5	9
9 Corsham Town	6	2	3	1	10	8	9
10 Fairford Town	7	2	2	3	13	13	8
11 Roman Glass St George	4	2	1	1	8	4	7
12 Mangotsfield United	6	2	1	3	10	9	7
13 Hereford Lads Club	6	2	1	3	8	10	7
14 Brimscombe & Thrupp	6	1	3	2	9	12	6
15 Hereford Pegasus	6	2	0	4	9	13	6
16 Tuffley Rovers	6	1	2	3	7	11	5
17 Chipping Sodbury Town	6	1	2	3	7	17	5
18 Lydney Town	7	1	2	4	5	18	5
19 Shrivenham	4	1	1	2	4	7	4
20 Thornbury Town	7	0	1	6	4	17	1

2022-2023 Season





UHLSPORT Hellenic League Division One

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Pershore Town	7	6	1	0	19	4	19
2 Milton United	7	6	0	1	20	8	18
3 Abingdon United	7	5	1	1	11	5	16
4 Clanfield 85	6	5	0	1	18	4	15
5 Shortwood United	7	4	1	2	15	8	13
6 Long Crendon	7	4	1	2	15	13	13
7 Malmesbury Victoria	7	4	0	3	12	13	12
8 Hartpury University	7	3	1	3	10	5	10
9 Calne Town	7	3	1	3	13	9	10
10 Bourton Rovers	6	3	1	2	9	10	10
11 F C Stratford	6	2	3	1	11	5	9
12 Cheltenham Saracens	8	2	3	3	18	13	9
13 Stonehouse Town	7	3	0	4	13	13	9
14 Newent Town	7	2	2	3	12	22	8
15 Southam United	8	2	1	5	12	16	7
16 Moreton Rangers	8	2	0	6	9	17	6
17 Kidlington Res	5	1	0	4	14	16	3
18 Littleton	5	0	0	5	1	17	0
19 Cirencester Town Dev	8	0	0	8	4	38	0

Youth Section Fixtures 22-23

SEPTEMBER

Under 18 Blue

LEAG	18/09/22 14:30	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U18 Blu		VS		FC Calne Youth U18 Black	GERARD BUXTON SPORTS GROUND PITCH 1
LEAG	25/09/22 10:30	FC Chippenham Youth U17 Spartans		VS		Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U18 Blu	STANLEY PARK SPORTS GROUND 1

Under 18 Yellow

LEAG	11/09/22 14:30	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U18 Yel		VS		Shrivenham U18 Youth	GERARD BUXTON SPORTS GROUND PITCH 1
LEAG	18/09/22 12:00	Shrivenham U18 Youth		VS		Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U18 Yel	SHRIVENHAM FC
Cup	25/09/22 13:00	Bradford Town Youth U17 Mustangs		VS		Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U18 Yel	BRADFORD ON AVON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Under 16 Blue

LEAG	07/09/22 18:30	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U16 Blu		VS		FC Abbey Meads Youth U16 Grey	GERARD BUXTON SPORTS GROUND PITCH 1
LEAG	11/09/22 09:30	Stratton Juniors FC U16 Blaze		VS		Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U16 Blu	ST LUKES ACADEMY Merton Fields
CC	18/09/22 14:00	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U16 Blu		VS		Ferndale Rodbourne FC U16	GERARD BUXTON SPORTS GROUND
LEAG	25/09/22 13:30	FC Abbey Meads Youth U16 Grey		VS		Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U16 Blu	PEMBROKE GARDENS





Under 15 Blue

LEAG	11/09/22 09:30	Stratton Youth U15		VS		Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U15 Blu	BAUNTON LANE PLAYING FIELD 1
LEAG	18/09/22 11:30	Kingsdown Lions U15		VS		Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U15 Blu	KINGSDOWN SCHOOL
LEAG	25/09/22 14:30	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U15 Blu		VS		Marlborough Youth FC U15	GERARD BUXTON SPORTS GROUND PITCH 1

Under 15 Yellow

Cup	11/09/22 10:30	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U15 Yel		VS		Stratton Juniors FC U15 Cougars	GERARD BUXTON SPORTS GROUND PITCH 1
L	18/09/22 10:30	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U15 Yel		VS		Highworth Town Junior FC U15H	GERARD BUXTON SPORTS GROUND PITCH 1
L	25/09/22 10:30	Chiseldon Youth U15 White		VS		Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U15 Yel	CHISELDON RECREATION GROUND







Under 14 Blue

LEAG	18/09/22 14:30	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U14 Blu		VS		FC Calne Youth U14	GERARD BUXTON SPORTS GROUND PITCH 2
LEAG	25/09/22 14:00	Robins U14		VS		Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U14 Blu	SOUTH MARSTON VILLAGE RECREATION GROUND

Youth Section Fixtures 22-23

SEPTEMBER







Under 14 Yellow

LEAG	11/09/22 14:30	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U14 Yel		VS		Devizes Town Youth U14 Titans	GERARD BUXTON SPORTS GROUND PITCH 2
Cup	18/09/22 12:30	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U14 Yel		VS		Croft Junior U14 Red	GERARD BUXTON SPORTS GROUND PITCH 2
LEAG	25/09/22 14:30	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U14 Yel		VS		FC Abbey Meads Youth U14 Blue	GERARD BUXTON SPORTS GROUND PITCH 2

Under 13 Blue

LEAG	18/09/22 12:00	Highworth Town Junior FC U13J		VS		Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U13 Blu	THE ELMS RECREATION GROUND 4
LEAG	25/09/22 10:30	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U13 Blu		VS		Wroughton Youth FC U13 Broncos	GERARD BUXTON SPORTS GROUND PITCH 2





Under 13 Yellow

LEAG	11/09/22 10:30	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U13 Yel		VS		Ashton Keynes Youth U13 White	GERARD BUXTON SPORTS GROUND PITCH 2
LEAG	18/09/22 10:30	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U13 Yel		VS		Ramsbury Youth U13	GERARD BUXTON SPORTS GROUND PITCH 2
LEAG	25/09/22 09:30	Kingsdown Lions U13 Red		VS		Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U13 Yel	KINGSDOWN SCHOOL

Under 12 Blue (pictured below)

Cup	11/09/22 12:30	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U12 Blu		VS		Wims 11 U12 Cavalry	GERARD BUXTON SPORTS GROUND PITCH 3
LEAG	18/09/22 10:00	Highworth Town Junior FC U12 H		VS		Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U12 Blu	THE ELMS RECREATION GROUND 4
LEAG	25/09/22 12:30	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U12 Blu		VS		Wims 11 U12 Storm	GERARD BUXTON SPORTS GROUND PITCH 3

Under 12 Yellow

LEAG	18/09/22 12:30	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U12 Yel		VS		Purton Youth U12 Wolves	GERARD BUXTON SPORTS GROUND PITCH 3
LEAG	25/09/22 14:00	Highworth Town Junior FC U12J		VS		Royal Wootton Bassett Town Youth U12 Yel	THE ELMS RECREATION GROUND 4



Match Reports 22-23

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

Five star Bassett thump Bobcats

A near perfect display from Royal Wootton Bassett Town saw them produce arguably their best Hellenic League result in many a year as Sam Collier's side thumped a stunned Bradford Town 5-0 on their own turf.

Bassett were also rans the last time they visited Trowbridge Road, suffering a heavy 4-0 defeat back in January.

This time though they tore to pieces a Bradford team who were heavily fancied to do well ahead of this season and who sat second at the start of play.

Bassett survived an awkward moment early on when Tom Golledge headed against the crossbar for the hosts.

But two goals in quick succession from Alfie Presley midway through the opening period soon set Bassett on their way.

Both arrived in style.

The first saw Matt Bennett pick out Presley with a precise cross and the in-form forward smashed in from outside the area.

Bennett was then key to the second as he surged past his man, before cutting the ball back to Scott Chilcott. The Bassett full back then squared to Presley to send another fizzing shot beyond the reach of Jonny Hill.

Fully in charge at the break, Bassett extended their lead further just before the hour. This time a bit of luck was needed as Bennett sent in a cross that Hill allowed to slip through his legs.

While the 'keeper will have felt a little embarrassed to have shipped such a goal, he would not be the only Bradford player to finish the game with their tail between their legs as the visitors added two more.

Breaking from a Bradford corner that came to nothing, Presley obtained possession on the halfway line before charging at the home defence. After getting to the byline, he crossed into the box for Tommy Ouldrige who, cool as you like, spun and picked out the top corner to finish off a perfectly executed counter attack.

Substitute Josh Elms then rubbed further salt in Bradford's wounds, latching onto a long clearance before bursting past his man and slotting past a helpless Hill.

Despite Bassett going into the game full of confidence on the back of a six game unbeaten run to start their campaign, few would have predicted such an outcome at kick off.

But an unbelievable performance produced a scarcely believable result to make it a magnificent seven without defeat for Collier and his troops.



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RWBTFC MEN'S DEV TEAM

ROYAL W. BASSETT TOWN FC DEV - SEASON 2022-23 FIXTURES & RESULTS

CORSHAM PRINT WILTSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Sat 13-Aug-22	Frome Collegians	H	League	L 1 - 4	McDermid
Tue 16-Aug-22	Blunsdon	A	League	L 1 - 2	Martins
Sat 20-Aug-22	Trowbridge Town	A	League	L 0 - 5	
Wed 24-Aug-22	Malmesbury Vics Dev	A	League	L 0 - 3	
Tue 30-Aug-22	Calne Town Res	A	League	L 0 - 2	
Sat 03-Sep-22	Shrewton United	A	League	D 1 - 1	Partridge
Sat 17-Sep-22	Kintbury Rangers	A	League		
Sat 24-Sep-22	Stratton Juniors	H	League		
Sat 01-Oct-22	Odd Down (Bath)	A	League		
Sat 08-Oct-22	Salisbury Dev	H	League		
Sat 15-Oct-22	Wroughton	H	League		
Sat 22-Oct-22	Devizes Town	A	League		
Sat 29-Oct-22	Marlborough Town	A	League		
	Blunsdon	H	League		
	Calne Town Res	H	League		
	Devizes Town	H	League		
	Frome Collegians	A	League		
	Kintbury Rangers	H	League		
	Malmesbury Vics Dev	H	League		
	Marlborough Town	H	League		
	Melksham Town Res	H	League		
	Melksham Town Res	A	League		
	Odd Down (Bath)	H	League		
	Pewsey Vale	H	League		
	Pewsey Vale	A	League		
	Salisbury Dev	A	League		
	Shrewton United	H	League		
	Stratton Juniors	A	League		
	Trowbridge Town	H	League		
	Wroughton	A	League		

Goalscorers

	League	FT Cup	WSC	Total
Ian McDermid	1			1
Jowan Partridge	1			1
Bruno Martins	1			1
	3	0	0	3

First Point of the Season

Last season's champions Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development have finally registered their first point of the season and it came away at Shrewton United, a ground where the visitors record has not been very good over the years. A stunning strike from youngster Jowan Partridge gave the visitors a 1-0 lead but Shrewton got themselves back

on level terms a minute before the half time break, Dalitso Marsdon with the equaliser. Despite both sides creating chances after the break there was to be no further goals and the sides had to settled for a point each following the 1-1 draw. Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development are scheduled to be back in the south of the county next Saturday with a trip to Salisbury FC Development.

Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League Premier Division Season 2022-23

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Trowbridge Town FC	7	7	0	0	35	6	21
2 Devizes Town FC	7	6	1	0	18	2	19
3 Kintbury Rangers FC	6	4	1	1	16	8	13
4 Frome Collegians FC	6	4	1	1	13	7	13
5 Pewsey Vale FC	6	4	0	2	17	11	12
6 Wroughton FC	6	3	2	1	17	9	11
7 Calne Town FC Res	7	3	2	2	9	13	11
8 Stratton Juniors FC	7	2	2	3	13	23	8
9 Blunsdon FC	7	1	4	2	8	10	7
10 Malmesbury Victoria FC Dev	5	1	1	3	6	11	4
11 Odd Down (Bath) FC Dev	6	1	1	4	7	18	4
12 Melksham Town FC Res	6	1	0	5	10	16	3
13 Shrewton United FC	4	0	2	2	6	10	2
14 Salisbury FC Dev	4	0	2	2	6	12	2
15 Marlborough Town FC	6	0	2	4	3	14	2
16 Royal W. Bassett Town Dev	6	0	1	5	3	17	1



Steve Green's Player Portrait

LOUIS SPALDING



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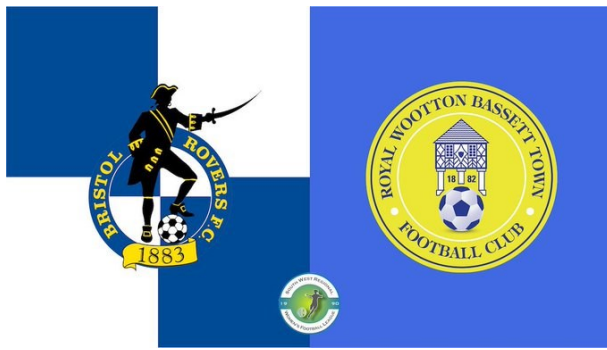
WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

Season 2022-23 Fixtures and Results

Date	Opponents	H/A	Result	Goalscorers
04-Sep	Bristol Rovers	A	L 4 - 6	Davies 3, H. Gulliver
11-Sep	Torquay United	H		
18-Sep	Sherborne Town	H		
25-Sep	Poole Town	A		
02-Oct	Middlezoy Rovers (FAC)	A		
09-Oct	Forest Green Rovers	H		
16-Oct	Warminster Town	A		
16-Oct	Wiltshire FA County Cup 1			
23-Oct	Ilminster Town Ladies	H		
30-Oct	Liskeard Athletic	A		
06-Nov	Bishops Lydeard Ladies	H		
13-Nov	Bishops Lydeard Ladies	A		
20-Nov	Bristol Rovers	H		
27-Nov	Torquay United	A		
04-Dec	Sherborne Town	A		
11-Dec	Poole Town	H		
18-Dec	Forest Green Rovers	A		
08-Jan	Warminster Town	H		
15-Jan	Ilminster Town Ladies	A		
22-Jan	Liskeard Athletic	H		

FAC = Women's FA Cup, WCC = Wilts County Cup





Rovers Edge 10 Goal Thriller

Royal Wootton Bassett Town suffered defeat in their opening South West Regional Women's Football League Premier Division fixture as Bristol Rovers came out on top in a ten-goal thriller.

Huge entertainment for a neutral fans in attendance, nine goals were scored in a crazy opening half of frenzied, attacking football before Rovers added a goal shortly after the restart to secure what proved to be a decisive two-goal advantage.

Despite defeat, there were certainly plenty of positives for Bassett to take from a hugely entertaining game - not least the strong display going forward. Defensively there is certainly some work to be done though - but the same can be said for Rovers after such a high scoring season opener.

Bassett found themselves in a commanding position early on as they deservedly took a 2-0 lead. Hannah Gulliver netted the first, getting to the ball just ahead of teammate Maddy Elliott and bundling in after Amber Egerton had struck the crossbar. Libby Davies then scored Bassett's second, as she turned her marker before producing an emphatic finish.

Rovers then responded with three goals in quick succession. Poppy Warren set up Georgia Vandries to halve the hosts' deficit before Zoe Fielden-Stewart grabbed a soft goal to pull her side level. Fielden-Stewart then beat the offside trap to race onto a through ball and make it 3-2.

Bassett then levelled as Egerton fed Davies who notched her second of the match. But

Rovers immediately restored their lead through Laura Curnock.

There was still time for two further goals before half time. Bassett were level again when Laura Jefferies' free kick fell to Egerton, whose shot was blocked but Davies swept in the rebound for her hat trick.

Parity didn't last long though as Vandries volleyed in to make it 5-4.

Vandries added her third shortly after the restart, tapping in after a dangerous cross into the box.

Though that goal suggested there was still more to come, it proved to be the final scoring of the match, with Bassett unable to muster a response after what had been an energy sapping opening half.



Season 2022-23

RWBTFC U18 Floodlit Team

Royal Wootton Bassett Town U18

Season 2022-23 - Under 18 Floodlit League - Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League

	Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Thur	08-Sep-22	Kingsdown Lions	H	League	W 5 - 3	Rendell-Haines 4, Partridge
Thur	15-Sep-22	Calne Town	A	League		
Thur	22-Sep-22	Kintbury Rangers Yth	H	League		
Thur	29-Sep-22	Melksham Town	A	League		
		AFC Aldermaston	H	League		
		AFC Aldermaston	A	League		
		Bishops Cannings	H	League		
		Bishops Cannings	A	League		
		Bradford Town	H	League		
		Bradford Town	A	League		
		Calne Town	H	League		
		Kingsdown Lions	A	League		
		Kintbury Rangers Yth	A	League		
		Melksham Town	H	League		
		Pewsey Vale	H	League		
		Pewsey Vale	A	League		
		Radstock Town	H	League		
		Radstock Town	A	League		
		Warminster Town	H	League		
		Warminster Town	A	League		

Thursday 8th September 2022

Royal Wootton Bassett Town 5 Kingsdown Lions 3

Royal Wootton Bassett Town and new side Kingsdown Lions served up an entertaining game at the Sustain Stadium which saw eight goals scored. It was the visitors Kingsdown Lions who went in front early on through Ben Payne, but Jacob Rendell-Haines restored parity before Jowan Partridge put his side ahead for the first time

scoring from a free kick to make it 2-1 at half time. Kingsdown got themselves back on level terms early in the second half through Tommy Hellewell but it then very much became the Jacob Rendell-Haines show as the Royal Wootton Bassett Town forward smashed a second half-trick to take his tally in the game to four and give his side a 5-2 lead. There was still time for a consolation goal for Kingsdown, Tommy Hellewell with his second of the game as it finished 5-3 to the home side.

Other adult sides

RWBTFC Vets' (Over 35) Team

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Vets

Season 2022-23 - Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League - Vets North Wilts Division

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Wed 07-Sep-22	Redhouse	A	League	W 5 - 2	Head, Newton, Yeardeley, Mason, OG
Tue 13-Sep-22	Swindon Old Boys	H	League	W 2 - 0	Connolly, Shaw
Tue 20-Sep-22	Blunson	A	League		
Wed 28-Sep-22	Swindon Rovers	H	League		
	AFC Swindon	H	League		
	AFC Swindon	A	League		
	Blunson	H	League		
	Chiseldon	H	League		
	Chiseldon	A	League		
	Cricklade Town	H	League		
	Cricklade Town	A	League		
	Redhouse	H	League		
	Stratton Juniors Black	H	League		
	Stratton Juniors Black	A	League		
	Stratton Juniors Orange	H	League		
	Stratton Juniors Orange	A	League		
	Swindon Old Boys	A	League		
	Swindon Rovers	A	League		

Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League Vets North Wiltshire Division Season 2022-23

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Royal W. Bassett Town	2	2	0	0	7	2	6
2 Swindon Rovers	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
3 Stratton Juniors Orange	2	1	0	1	8	3	3
4 Swindon Old Boys	2	1	0	1	4	2	3
5 Blunson	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
6 Cricklade Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Chiseldon	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
8 AFC Swindon	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
9 Redhouse	1	0	0	1	2	5	0
10 Stratton Juniors Black	2	0	0	2	1	11	0



Bits & Pieces

VETERAN'S OVER 50S



Oxfordshire Over 50s League Division 1A 2021/2022

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Witney Royals	12	9	2	1	62	21	29
2 Thame United	12	9	1	2	44	18	28
3 Marlow Dukes	12	6	1	5	51	32	19
4 Hazlemere Sports Athletic	12	6	1	5	28	26	19
5 Chinnor	12	5	2	5	39	35	17
6 Royal Wootton Bassett Town	12	3	1	8	21	43	10
7 North Leigh Red	12	0	0	12	7	77	0

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Vets Over 50s

Season 2022-23 - Oxfordshire League - Vets Premier League Division 2

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Sun 18-Sep-22	Chilsley	H	League		
Sun 25-Sep-22	Goring United	A	League		
Sun 09-Oct-22	Hazlemere Sports Olympic	H	League		
Sun 16-Oct-22	Bicester Town Colts	A	League		
Sun 06-Nov-22	Exiles	A	League		
Sun 13-Nov-22	Thame United	A	Cup		
Sun 27-Nov-22	Easington Sports	H	League		
Sun 04-Dec-22	Chinnor	A	League		
Sun 08-Jan-23	Goring United	H	League		
Sun 22-Jan-23	Chilsley	A	League		
Sun 12-Feb-23	Hazlemere Sports Olympic	A	League		
Sun 19-Feb-23	Bicester Town Colts	H	League		
Sun 05-Mar-23	Exiles	H	League		
Sun 26-Mar-23	Easington Sports	A	League		
Sat 09-Apr-23	Chinnor	H	League		

Quiz Answers

Names the Same - 1. Martin Sinclair 2. Andy White 3. Paul Patel 4. Scott Ward 5. Alex or Simon Green or George Greene
6. Mitch Wyatt 7. James or Zac Skinner 8. Simon, Dave, Tom or Leigh Jones 9. Luke Whelan 10. Dave Tyler

Name Ten: Arsenal, Aston Villa, Brighton Hove Albion, Chelsea, Everton, Leicester City, Liverpool, Man City, Man Utd, Norwich City and Tottenham

Name The Tune: Hit Me With Your Rhythm Stick - Ian Dury & The Blockheads

League Cups

Bluefin Sport Challenge Cup 22-23

HELLENIC LEAGUE BLUEFIN INSURANCE CHALLENGE CUP SEASON 2022-23

Preliminary Round		
Abingdon United	v	Letcombe
Aston Clinton Sports	v	Chinnor
Bourton Rovers	v	Clanfield 85
Buckingham Athletic	v	Hazelmere Sports
Calne Town	v	Malmesbury Victoria
Chalfont Wasps	v	Holmer Green Dev
Cheltenham Saracens	v	Swindon Supermarine Dev
FC Beaconsfield	v	Thame United A
Faringdon Town	v	Hungerford Town Swifts
Hartpury University	v	Shortwood United
Headington Amateurs	v	Cirencester Town Dev
Littlejohn	v	Evesham United Dev
Marlborough Town Dev	v	Old Bradwell United Dev
Meadow Park	v	Wroughton Dev
Milton United	v	FC Stratford
Moreton Rangers	v	Feckenham
New Dales Vale	v	Kidlington Res
Newbury	v	Highworth Town Res
Newent Town	v	Pershore Town
Southam United	v	Shipston Excelsior
Stonehouse Town	v	Didcot Town Dev
Taplow United	v	Woodcote
Watlington Town	v	Mortimer
Winslow United Dev	v	Easington Sports Dev
Woodstock Town	v	Long Crendon

Challenge Cup - Winners

1998-99	Burnham
1999-00	Swindon Supermarine
2000-01	Carterton Town
2001-02	Gloucester United
2002-03	Yate Town
2003-04	Didcot Town
2004-05	Didcot Town
2005-06	Didcot Town
2006-07	Hungerford Town
2007-08	Hungerford Town
2008-09	Almondsbury Town
2009-10	Ardley United
2010-11	Holyport
2011-12	Highworth Town
2012-13	Oxford City Nomads
2013-14	Ascot United
2014-15	Ardley United
2015-16	Flackwell Heath
2016-17	Bracknell Town
2017-18	Bracknell Town
2018-19	Ascot United
2019-20	Not awarded due to Covid-19
2020-21	Kidlington Res
2021-22	Cribbs

Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup 2022-23

HELLENIC LEAGUE FLOODLIT CUP SPONSORED BY WISEMAN LIGHTING SEASON 2022-23

Preliminary Round		
Bourton Rovers	0 - 6	Roman Glass St George
Brimcombe & Thrupp	7 - 2	Stonehouse Town
Cheltenham Saracens	1 - 3	Milton United
Cirencester Town Dev	2 - 5	Chipping Sodbury Town
Cribbs	4 - 2	Hereford Lads Club
Fairford Town	1 - 2	Littleton
Newent Town	1 - 2	Tuffley Rovers
Wantage Town	5 - 1	Shrivenham

Floodlit Cup - Winners

1994-95	Cinderford Town
1995-96	Bicester Town
1996-97	Abingdon United
1997-98	Swindon Supermarine
1998-99	Tuffley Rovers
1999-00	Swindon Supermarine
2000-01	Swindon Supermarine
2001-02	Fairford Town
2002-03	Tuffley Rovers
2003-04	Slimbridge
2004-05	Almondsbury Town
2005-06	Slimbridge
2006-07	Wantage Town
2007-08	Kidlington
2008-09	Marlow United
2009-10	Shortwood United
2010-11	Holyport
2011-12	Binfield
2012-13	Ardley United
2013-14	Brimcombe & Thrupp
2014-15	North Leigh
2015-16	Ascot United
2016-17	Lydney United
2017-18	Binfield
2018-19	Ardley United
2019-20	Not awarded due to Covid-19
2020-21	Not awarded due to Covid-19
2021-22	Not awarded due to Covid-19

RWBTFC & The FA Vase

OUR ROAD TO WEMBLEY

THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. FA VASE 2022-23						
Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money	
					Winner	Loser
27-Aug-22	First Round Qualifying	Bye			£550	£160
24-Sep-22	Second Round Qualifying	Bye			£725	£225
22-Oct-22	First Round Proper	v			£825	£250
12-Nov-22	Second Round Proper	v			£900	£275
3-Dec-22	Third Round Proper	v			£1,125	£350
14-Jan-23	Fourth Round Proper	v			£1,875	£600
11-Feb-23	Fifth Round Proper	v			£2,250	£725
11-Mar-23	Sixth Round Proper	v			£4,125	£1,350
1-Apr-23	Semi-final	v			£5,500	£1,725
21-May-23	Final (at Wembley)	v			£30,000	£15,000
Total Prize Money Won						£0

* Still in competition



RWBTFC F.A. Vase Record

2001-02	QR2	Calne Town	H	W 3 - 2
	R1	St Blazey	H	L 0 - 2
2002-03	QR2	Shortwood United	A	L 1 - 5
2003-04	QR2	Bemerton Heath Harl's	A	L 1 - 4
2004-05	QR1	Wellington	A	L 0 - 4
	QR1	Christchurch	H	D 1 - 1
2005-06	QR1	Christchurch	A	L 0 - 1
	QR1	Shrewton United	A	D 1 - 1
2006-07	QR1	Shrewton United	H	L 2 - 3
	QR2	Bournemouth	A	L 0 - 12
2008-09	QR1	Buckingham Athletic	A	W 5 - 3
	QR2	Henley Town	A	W 6 - 0
	R1	Kidlington	H	W 3 - 2
2009-10	R2	Wimbourne Town	A	L 0 - 4
	QR1	Hamble ASSC	H	L 2 - 3
2010-11	QR2	Devizes Town	A	W 4 - 0
	R1	Cadbury Heath	A	L 1 - 2
2011-12	QR1	Shortwood United	A	L 0 - 4
2012-13	QR1	GE Hamble	A	L 0 - 6
2013-14	QR2	Odd Down	A	L 0 - 7
2014-15	QR1	Cove	A	W 3 - 2
	QR2	Abingdon United	H	L 2 - 3

2015-16	QR1	Binfield	H	D 1 - 1
	QR1	Binfield	A	W 4 - 3
2016-17	QR2	Windsor FC	A	L 1 - 2
2016-17	QR2	Thame Utd	H	L 2 - 4
2017-18	QR1	Fairford Town	H	W 3 - 1
	QR2	Codicote	H	W 5 - 0
	R1	Amphill Town	H	W 2 - 1
2018-19	R2	Hordean	A	L 2 - 3
	QR2	Bashley	H	L 0 - 4
2019-20	QR1	New College Swindon	A	W 7 - 0
	QR2	Tadley Calleva	A	L 0 - 1
2020-21	QR2	Stonehouse	A	W 1 - 0
	R1	Camelford	H	W 4 - 0
	R2	Bridgwater Town	A	L 1 - 2
2021-22	QR1	Knaphill	H	W 1 - 0
	QR2	Portishead Town	A	W 3 - 1
	R1	Downton	H	W 4 - 0
2021-22	R2	Torpoint Athletic	H	W 2 - 0
	R3	Hamworthy United	H	L 1 - 3
2022-23	R1			

EMIRATES FA CUP ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN 2022-23

Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money	
					Winner	Losers
6-Aug-22	Extra Preliminary Round	v Windsor	H	D 1 - 1	£1,125	£375
9-Aug-22	Extra Prelim. Round Replay	v Windsor	A	W 2 - 0		
20-Aug-22	Preliminary Round	v Reading City	H	W 3 - 1	£1,444	£481
3-Sep-22	First Qualifying Round	v Paulton Rovers*	H	L 2 - 4	£2,250	£750
17-Sep-22	Second Qualifying Round	v Gosport Borough*	A		£3,375	£1,125
1-Oct-22	Third Qualifying Round	v			£5,625	£1,875
15-Oct-22	Fourth Qualifying Round	v			£9,375	£3,125
5-Nov-22	First Round	v			£36,000	
26-Nov-22	Second Round	v			£60,000	
7-Jan-23	Third Round	v			£100,000	
28-Jan-23	Fourth Round	v			£120,000	
1-Mar-23	Fifth Round	v			£225,000	
18-Mar-23	Sixth Round	v			£450,000	
22-Apr-23	Semi-Final	v	Wembley		£1,000,000	£500,000
3-Jun-23	Final	v	Wembley		£2,000,000	£1,000,000
Total Prize Money Won						£3,319

* Still in competition


Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC - Emirates FA Cup Record

Season	Rnd	Opponents	Result	Season	Rnd	Opponents	Result
1938-39	Pr	Wiltshire Mental Hospital	A L 0 - 6	2011-12	EPr	Radstock Town	A L 1 - 2
1939-40	Pr	Frome Town (War)	A P - P	2012-13	EPr	Calne Town	H W 4 - 2
1946-47	EPr	Dilton Rovers	H W 5 - 1	Pr	Harnworthy United	H W 1 - 0	
	Pr	Swindon GWR Corinthians	A L 1 - 5	QR1	Highworth Town	H W 3 - 1	
1947-48	EPr	Pewsey Vale	H L 0 - 2	QR2	Dorchester Town	A L 0 - 4	
1948-49	EPr	Swindon BR Corinthians	A L 3 - 6	2013-14	EPr	Totton & Eling	H L 0 - 2
1949-50	EPr	Warminster Town	H L 4 - 5	2014-15	EPr	Brockenhurst	A W 3 - 0
1950-51	EPr	Spencer Moulton	H W 2 - 1	Pr	Bradford Town	A L 1 - 2	
	Pr	Devizes Town	A L 0 - 4	2015-16	EPr	Bracknell Town	H L 0 - 2
2004-05	Pr	Exmouth	A L 2 - 3	2016-17	EPr	Andover Town	A L 2 - 5
2007-08	EPr	Highworth Town	A D 0 - 0	2017-18	EPr	Crawley Green	H L 1 - 2
	EPr	Highworth Town	H W 2 - 1	2018-19	EPr	Leighton Town	A W 1 - 0
	Pr	Bracknell Town	H W 2 - 1	Pr	Lydney Town	H D 0 - 0	
	QR1	Brockenhurst	A D 1 - 1	Pr	Lydney Town	A L 3 - 5	
	QR1	Brockenhurst	H L 1 - 5	2019-20	EPr	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	H D 1 - 1
2008-09	EPr	Flackwell Heath	A D 1 - 1	EPr	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	A L 0 - 1	
	EPr	Flackwell Heath	H L 1 - 6	2020-21	EPr	Chipping Sodbury T (W4-1 pens)	H D 2 - 2
2009-10	EPr	Westbury United	H D 2 - 2	Pr	Didcot Town	A W 2 - 1	
	EPr	Westbury United	A W 3 - 2	QR1	Cinderford T (Won 6-5 pens)	A D 2 - 2	
	Pr	Brockenhurst	H L 0 - 1	QR2	Oxford City	H L 1 - 2	
2010-11	EPr	Bradford Town	A D 1 - 1	2021-22	EPr	Thornbury Town	A W 4 - 0
	EPr	Bradford Town (W4-3 pens)	H D 3 - 3	Pr	Ardley United	H D 2 - 2	
	Pr	Almondsbury UWE	A W 1 - 0	PrR	Ardley United	A L 1 - 3	
	QR1	Hamble ASSC	A D 1 - 1	2022-23	EPr	Windsor	H D 1 - 1
	QR1	Hamble ASSC	H L 0 - 2	EPrR	Windsor	A W 2 - 0	
				Pr	Reading City	H W 3 - 1	
				QR1	Paulton Rovers	H L 2 - 4	

Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC



Matthew Crowther	1
Scott Chilcott	2
Louis Spalding	3
David Bampton	4
Adam Corcoran	5
Luke Whelan	6
Jack Hobson McVeigh	7
Matt Bennett	8
Alfie Presley	9
Tommy Ouldrige	10
Bailey Gallagher	11
Gio Wrona	12
Kai Robinson	14
Josh Elms	15
Chris Taylor	16
Macauley Dodson	17
Harrison Lea	18
Jon Beeden	19
Jowan Partridge	20

Lydney Town FC



Richard Thomas	1
Liam Sheppard	2
Dan Morgan	3
Tom Baldwin	4
Mac Cheers-Berry	5
Tristan Murphy	6
Jordan Sheen	7
Jamie Addis	8
Keelan Hamblett	9
Jayson Watkins	10
Lewis Thompson	11
Harry Clark	12
Steve Clark	14
Samuel Elliott	15
Samuel Wines	16
Declan Morley-Lyne	17
Finnan Hamblett	18

Jugout Team

Manager:	Sam Collier
Assistant:	Alan Griffin
Coach:	Mark Simpkins
Therapist:	Kara Gregory

Dugout Team

Manager:	James Morse
Assistant:	Steve Jones
Coach:	Jamie Addis
Therapist:	Imelda Morse

Match Officials

Referee:	
Assist. Ref (Red Flag):	
Assist. Ref (Yellow Flag):	

Simeon Stoodley
Oliver Sweeney
Michael Cofie

Next Home Games

Sun	18-Sep-22	v Sherbourne Town (South West Regional Women's League) K.0 2:00PM
Thur	22-Sep-22	v Kintbury Rangers (Wiltshire Senior League U18 Division) Kick-off 7:45PM
Sat	24-Sep-22	v Stratton Juniors (Wiltshire Senior League Premier Division) Kick-off 3:00PM

Next 1st Team Home Game

Sat	01-Oct-22	v Cribbs (UHSport Hellenic Premier Division) Kick-off 3:00PM
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